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## First breeding record of Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* for Tunisia

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**Première donnée de nidification de la Bergeronnette des ruisseaux *Motacilla cinerea* en Tunisie.** Un nid de la Bergeronnette des ruisseaux *Motacilla cinerea* a été trouvé le 18 mai 2012 au centre de vacances d'Aïn Soltane, Jendouba, Tunisie. Il s'agit de la première preuve de reproduction de l'espèce dans le pays.

In the Maghreb, Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* is known to breed in Morocco and Algeria (Isenmann & Moali 2000, Thévenot *et al.* 2003). In Tunisia, proof of breeding was lacking, although the observation of a pair uttering alarm-calls near a stream in the Kroumirie Mountains,

in the north-west, in April 2000, suggested the species had a nest there (Isenmann *et al.* 2005).

During 8–21 May 2012, while staying at the holiday centre of Aïn Soltane, Governorat of Jendouba, north-western Tunisia, at the edge of El Feija National Park, we regularly observed



**Figure 1.** Adult male Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*, Aïn Soltane, Tunisia, 16 May 2012 (Georges Oliosio)

Bergeronnette des ruisseaux *Motacilla cinerea* mâle, Aïn Soltane, Tunisie, 16 mai 2012 (Georges Oliosio)



**Figure 2.** Nest of Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*, Aïn Soltane, Tunisia, 18 May 2012 (Georges Oliosio)

Nid de Bergeronnette des ruisseaux *Motacilla cinerea*, Aïn Soltane, Tunisie, 18 mai 2012 (Georges Oliosio)

a pair of Grey Wagtails uttering alarm-calls and carrying food. We eventually mist-netted the male (Fig. 1). On 18 May, we found the pair's rather voluminous nest under the beams supporting the roof of a house (Fig. 2); it contained at least three downy chicks. The staff of the holiday centre subsequently indicated a second nest, placed in the same situation, but in another building, that had held a first clutch earlier in the season.

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